

When I got over a temporary disability and could finally leave the house on my own, my first errand I did with my new freedom was to buy an XM radio to listen to in my kitchen and home office. XM hasn't stopped me from listening to local radio, but I listen to a lot more radio, and get a lot more out of it, since getting XM.

The idea that some broadcasters want to limit the service offered by others is ridiculous - cutting service serves the listening public?

I sometimes tune around the XM traffic / weather stations to check weather in cities I am traveling too - much more efficient than the weather channel, and I don't have to listen to the weather for Biloxi and Seattle if I'm heading to New York.

I hope you will reject NAB petition 04-160 and let the people who pioneered satellite radio, and did all of us who pay every month for the privelege of enjoying what radio could and should be a huge public service, drive their technology to wherever us paying customers find it useful and entertaining. My alternative to Xm is not AM or FM - it's not listening at all.

-Rick